

**National Pipeline  
Mapping System (NPMS)  
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# What is the NPMS?

A geographic information system (GIS) that will provide:

- Locational information about pipelines and LNG facilities -- their proximity to places we must protect
- One national standard for pipeline mapping data
- A system that will meet the intent of the `92 & `96 reauthorization mandates

# Accountable Pipeline Safety and Partnership Act of 1996

- An Operator shall maintain and provide pipelines information to DOT and state officials.
- The information shall include accurate maps and supplementary geographic description.
  - ◆ Transmission and significant gas distribution
  - ◆ Major hazardous liquid

# NPMS - Voluntary Approach

Location & attribute data on:

- ◆ Natural gas transmission pipelines
- ◆ Hazardous liquid trunklines
- ◆ LNG facilities

The pipeline & LNG data will be created through a joint initiative between Federal & State government agencies & the pipeline industry.

# Transmission Pipeline

- Transports gas from a gathering line or a storage facility to a distribution center, storage facility, or Large Volume Customer that is not downstream from a distribution center;
- Operates at a hoop stress of 20% or more of SMYS, or
- Within a storage field

# Large Volume Customer

- May receive similar volumes of gas as a distribution center, and includes factories, power plants, and institutional users of gas.

# NPMS - Structure

- National Repository
- Cooperative Agreements - Ongoing activity to recruit state agencies and universities to participate as a state repository
  - ◆ CBD Announcement
  - ◆ Next announcement - January 2001

# What Else Will the NPMS Contain?

The system will also contain:

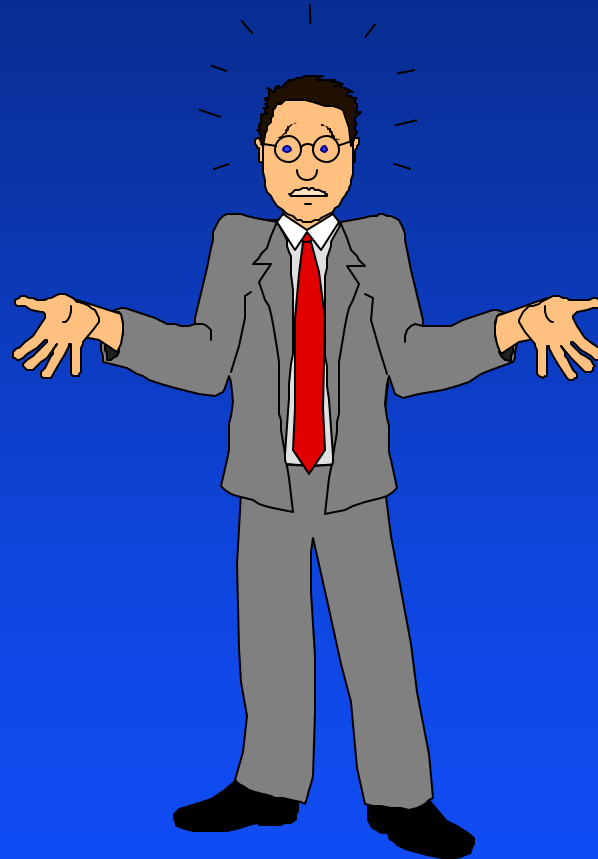
- High Consequence Areas
  - ◆ Unusually Sensitive Areas (USAs)
  - ◆ High Population Areas
  - ◆ Navigable Waterways
- Natural disaster probability & consequences
- Accurate base layers - USGS Topos
- Other transportation networks



# Who Has Partnered in the NPMS Development?

- United States Geological Service
- Department of Energy
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Environmental Protection Agency
- States
- Industry

# Why do we need an NPMS?



**National Pipeline  
Mapping System**



# Why do we need an NPMS?

- Expectations and perceptions
- Credibility
- Changing technology
- Decentralized oversight to regional and state level
- Alternative regulatory approaches

# Government Needs

- Enhance ability to determine the level of safety
- Provide access to a central source of data
- Integrate pipeline location data with other data
- Assess potential response situations
- Support planning activities
- Respond to Congressional, Federal, state & public requests

# Industry Needs

- Build on existing pipeline maps and other company resources.
- Structure the system to evolve with industry's mapping capability.
- Data requested from industry should add value to current industry needs.

# Common Needs of Government and Industry

- Design a more accurate mapping system that shows major the pipelines & LNG facilities
- Implement a cost-effective method to exchange pipeline data
- Minimize burden on industry to supply data to multiple government agencies
- Increase ability to access information & respond to emergency situations
- Standardize pipeline location data
- Protect confidential & proprietary business information

How will  
data be



the NPMS  
used?

# The NPMS will help OPS to:

- Provide a more comprehensive national picture of the nation's pipelines & LNG facilities
- Focus inspection resources
- Plan for emergencies & natural disasters
- Decide if or where extra safety & environmental precautions are needed
- Exchange data with one another in a common format



# Why Participate?

## ■ Partnership Works

- ◆ Jointly considered needs
- ◆ Thorough
- ◆ Timely
- ◆ Flexible
- ◆ Cost effective

# Voluntary Participation vs. Regulatory Mandate

- The Accountable Pipeline Safety & Partnership Act mandates that OPS adopt rules requiring pipeline operators to create & maintain accurate maps on:
  - ◆ Natural gas transmission pipelines
  - ◆ Significant distribution pipelines
  - ◆ Major liquid pipelines

# Voluntary vs. Mandate con't.

- A description of each pipeline:
  - ◆ An inventory of the age and material of the pipeline
  - ◆ Leak history
  - ◆ Diameter
  - ◆ Products transported
  - ◆ Any other information OPS considers useful

# Voluntary Participation:

- Fewer requirements than the mandate:
  - ◆ Natural gas distribution pipelines are not included.
  - ◆ Age, material, leak history are not included.
  - ◆ Target goal of 500 feet for positional accuracy.
- Minimum burden on the operator.
- OPS plans to meet the intent of the mandate through voluntary participation by operators.

# Strategies for a Voluntary Approach:

- Maintain flexibility in submitted formats.
- Formalize mapping partnerships with other federal & state agencies & industry.
- Create pipeline data standards that are consistent with FGDC standards.
- Continue the team approach.
- Expand communications about the program.

# Data Requested

- Natural gas transmission pipelines
- Liquid trunklines
- LNG facilities

Intrastate operators must send their submissions to a state repository if one exists for the state they operate within - regardless of whether it is a digital data or paper map submission.

# Multi-Year Process

- Pipeline data improved over time.
- Many companies are migrating from paper to digital over time to meet other business needs.
- Gov't & industry are working together to create the NPMS in the most cost beneficial way



# NPMS Data Security

- Community Right-to-Know VS. Security
- Presidential Decision Directive 63
  - ◆ Pipelines identified as critical infrastructure
  - ◆ Does not address pipeline data
- Results of Meeting with CIAO's.
  - ◆ Tom Falvey - DOT, Associate Director for National Security
  - ◆ Paula Scalingi - DOE, Director for Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection

# Operator Outreach

- API and INGAA - targeting the large interstate natural gas transmission and hazardous liquid operators
- AGA and APGA - targeting the intrastate natural gas transmission operators

# What is Our NPMS Timeline?

Collection of 70% of the pipeline data by the end of calendar year 2000.

As of June 2, 2000, the NPMS had received 16% of the pipeline mileage.

# NPMS Web Sites

[www.npms.rspa.dot.gov](http://www.npms.rspa.dot.gov)

➡ NPMS homepage

[www.npms.rspa.dot.gov/sub\\_stats.htm](http://www.npms.rspa.dot.gov/sub_stats.htm)

➡ Contains the submission statistics info.

# Questions?



## *Standards for Pipeline and LNG Operator Submissions*

## *Standards for the NPMS National and State Repositories*

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# *Standards for Pipeline and LNG Operator Submissions*

## ■ "Submission Standards"

- ◆ Attribute Data
- ◆ Geospatial Data
- ◆ Metadata

# Submission of Data

- Gas transmission (as defined by US DOT) & liquid trunk pipeline data.
- Active Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility data.
- Target goal of 500 foot positional accuracy.



# National Pipeline Mapping System

Standards for  
Pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas  
Operator Submissions

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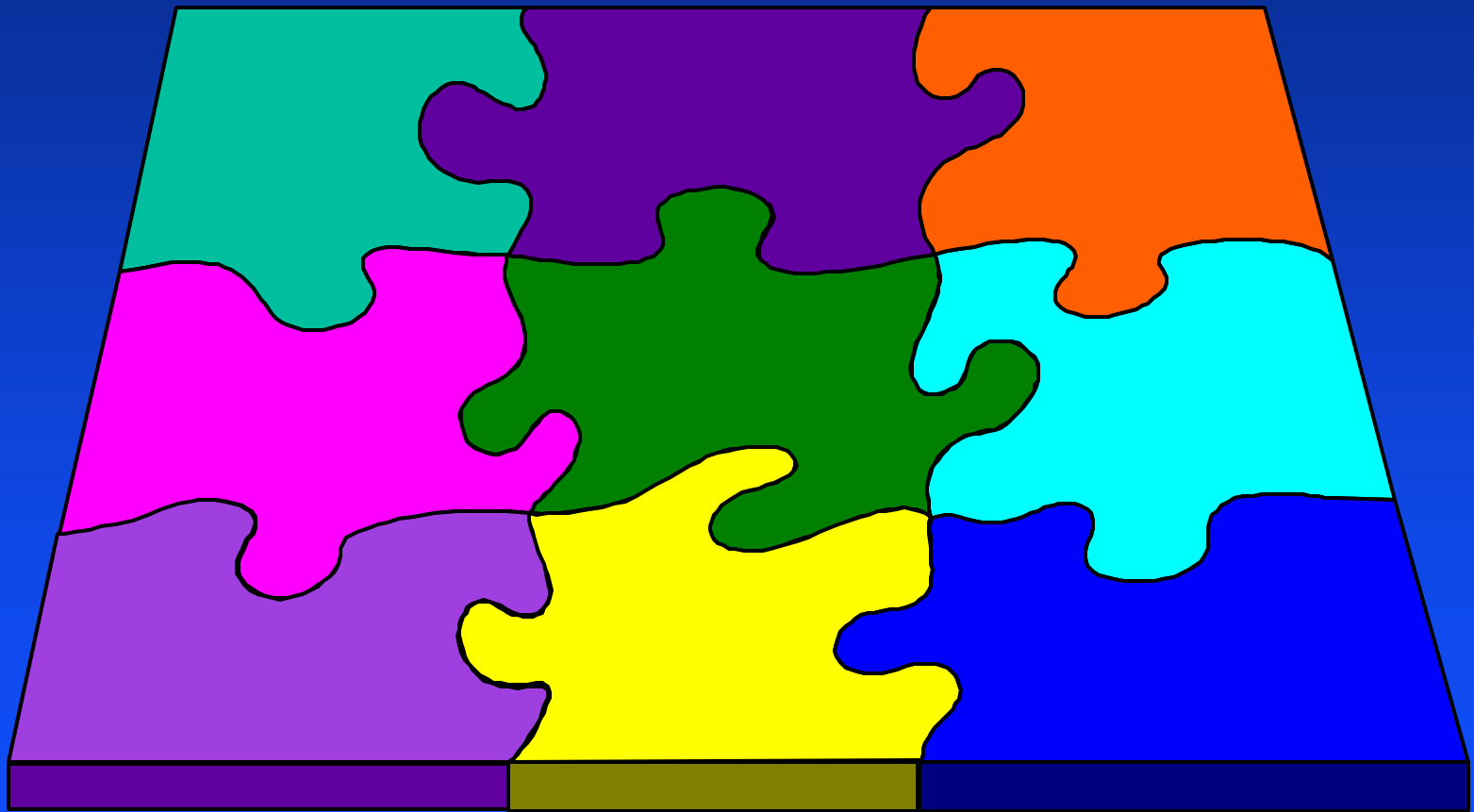
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# CONTACTS

- OPS NPMS Contact
- NPMS Repository Contacts
  - ◆ National Repository
  - ◆ State Repositories
- User Fee (OPS\_ID) Contact

# SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

# NPMS Repositories



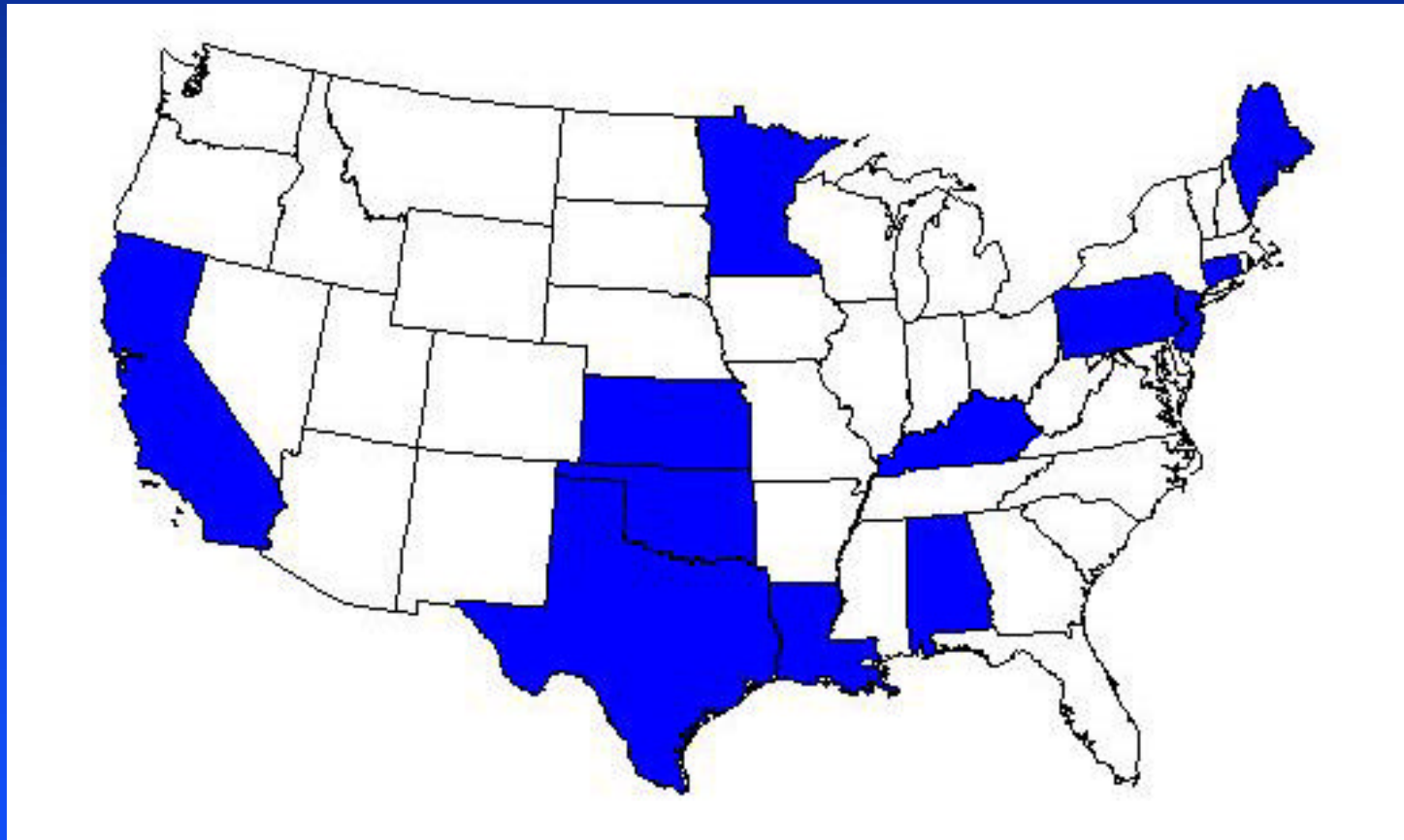
# NPMS Structure

- Consists of:
  - ◆ Multiple State Repositories -- maintains data within their state boundaries.
  - ◆ Single National Repository -- maintains the pipeline data for all other areas.

# The State Repository

- The NPMS will be made up of State Repositories and a National Repository.
- The State Repositories will be responsible for maintaining the pipeline information within their state boundaries.
- The State Repositories will forward information to the National Repository.

# NPMS State Repositories

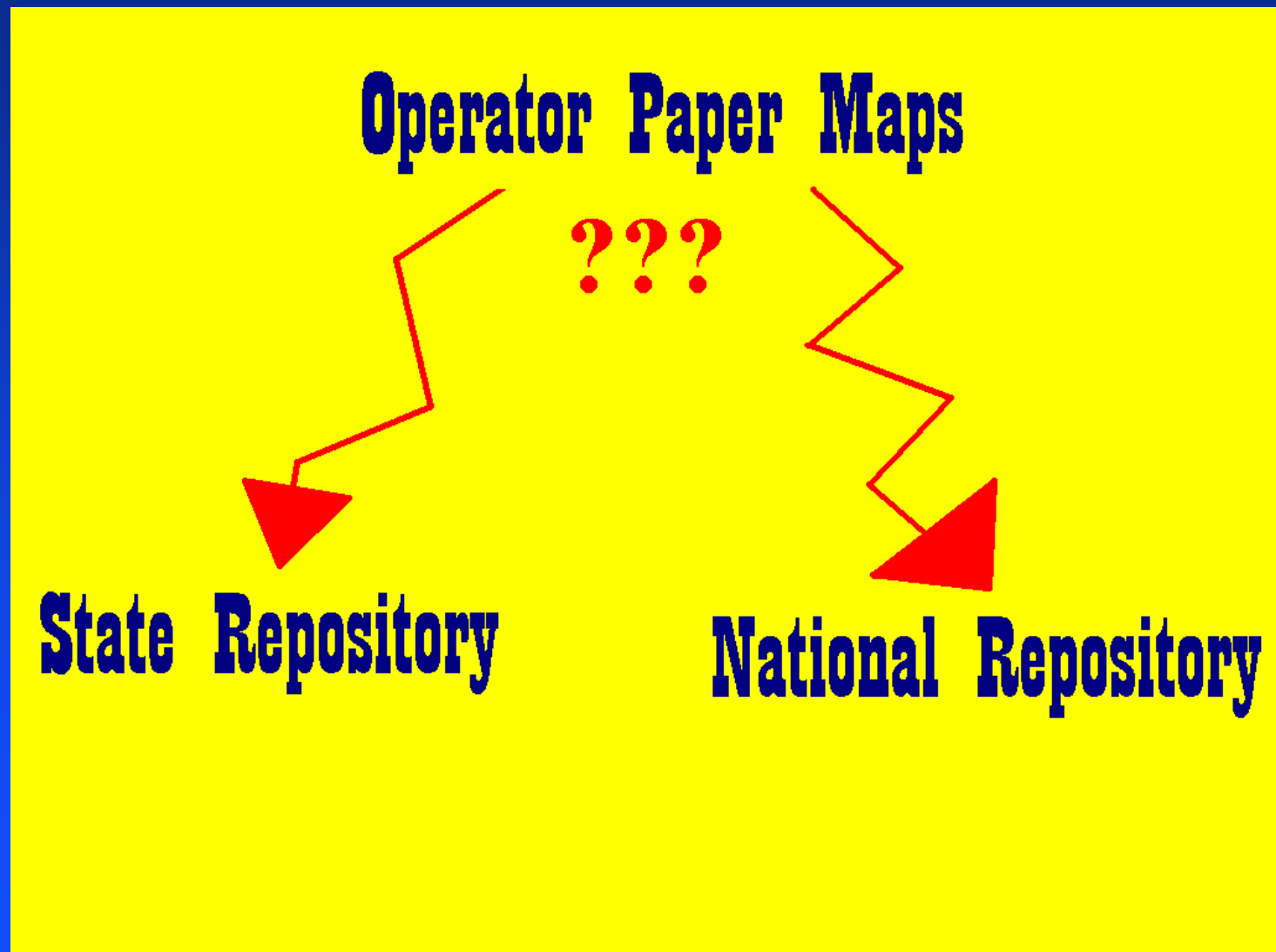


# The National Repository

- The National Repository will be responsible for creating & maintaining pipeline data for areas without a State Repository.
- Data entry & maintenance for the National Repository may be performed by several mapping and data contractors.
- The National Repository will be responsible for combining State & National Repository Data into a nation wide coverage.



# Paper Data Submissions



# Paper Map Submission

- NO STATE REPOSITORY -- send paper maps, located within that state, to the national repository.
- STATE REPOSITORY -- send paper maps, located within that state, to the state repository.

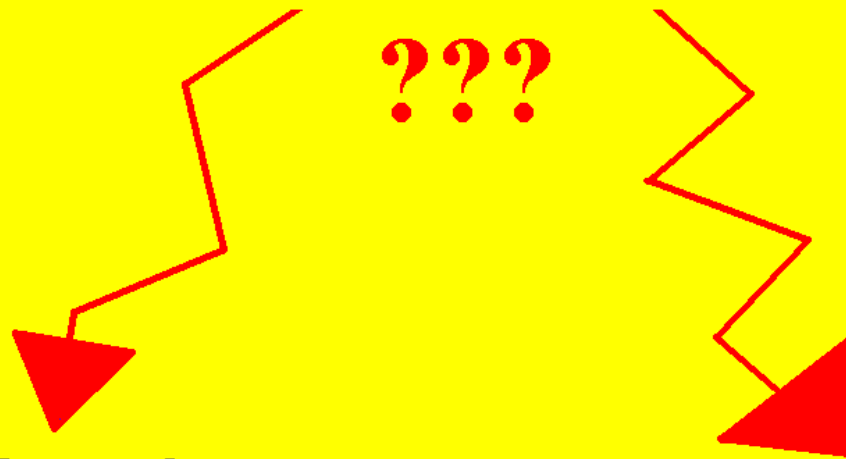
# Digital Data Submissions

**Operator Digital Geospatial Data**

**???**

**State Repository**

**National Repository**



# Digital Data Submission

- NO STATE REPOSITORY -- send digital data, located within that state, to the national repository
- STATE REPOSITORY -- send digital geospatial data, located within that state, to the state repository OR send the data to the national repository.

# Digital Data Submission

- The operator has the choice of sending an entire digital data set to the national repository OR dividing the data up and sending to the individual state repositories.



# Special Instructions for CA

- The California State Fire Marshal is the State Repository for CA.
- The CA Repository is only collecting liquid trunkline data.
- Natural Gas and LNG Facility data should be sent directly to the National Repository.

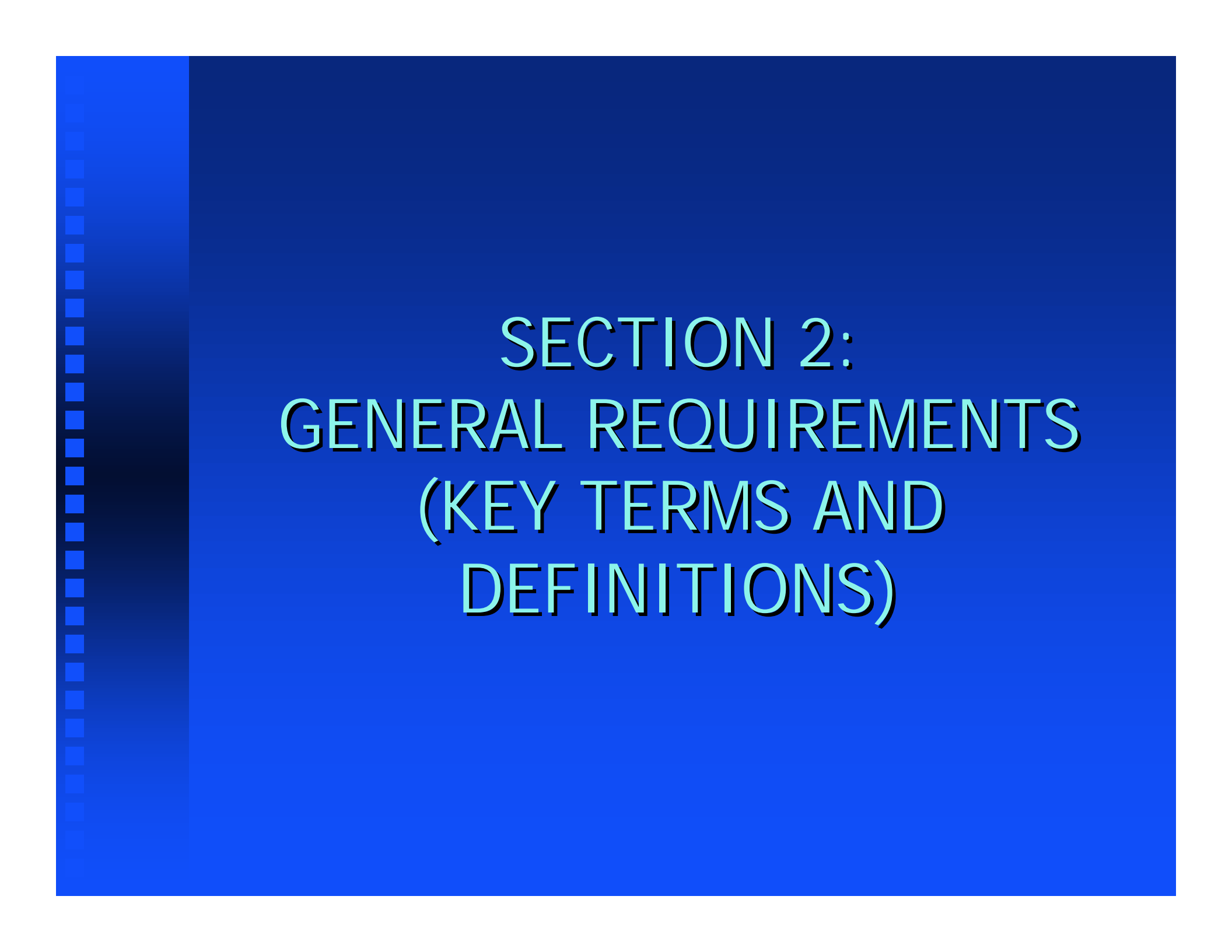
# Special Instructions for States with Existing Pipeline Data

- The State Repositories in Texas, Louisiana, and Minnesota already have converted pipeline operator data in their states.
- Operator's in those states should check with the individual state repositories to determine if their previous submissions will meet the NPMS Standards.



# Distribution of NPMS Data

- The pipeline facility data will be made available to other government agencies, the pipeline industry, and the public to the extent required under FOIA.
- Repositories may charge fees for specialized products they are asked to produce.



## SECTION 2: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (KEY TERMS AND DEFINITIONS)

# Key Terms:

- Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline
- Hazardous Liquid Trunkline
- Pipeline System
- Pipeline Segment -- A pipeline system should only be broken into multiple pipeline segments for two reasons:
  - ◆ To represent a branch or intersection with another pipeline segment, and/or
  - ◆ To allow for a change of associated attributes such as diameter.

# Key Terms con't.

- Pipeline Intersection
- Pipeline Crossing
- Pipeline Corridor

# NPMS File Naming Conventions

- Attempt to use DOS 8.3 file naming conventions.
- Formula:
  - ◆ type of file code + OPS\_ID + hyphen + 1-digit sequential number + 3-digit alpha extension
  - ◆ sample file name: G12345-1.DWG
  - ◆ "G" for geospatial only, "A" for attribute data only, "B" for geospatial and attribute, and "M" for metadata.

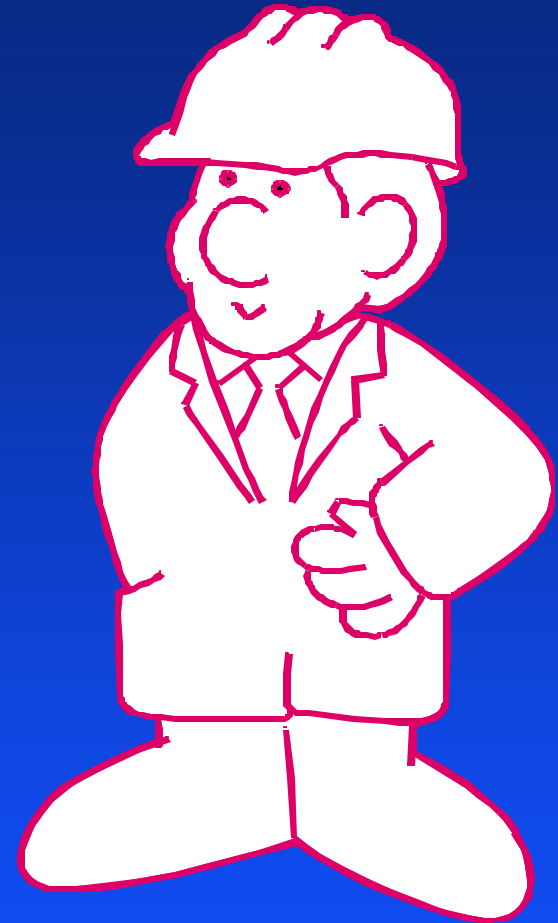
# Types of NPMS Submissions

- Additions - contain only data that is new to the NPMS. REVIS\_CD = "A"
- Modifications - contain only modified data being submitted to the NPMS. REVIS\_CD = "M" or "D"
  - ◆ Geospatial Modification - should include geospatial, attribute, and metadata.
  - ◆ Attribute *Only* Modification - used only when changes affect the facility attributes.
  - ◆ Metadata *Only* Modification - used only when changes affect the metadata.

# NPMS Submissions con't.

- Change of Operator Report
- Update Contact Information
- Change Pipeline System Status

# SECTION 3: ATTRIBUTE INFORMATION





# Attribute Data

- Consists of tabular data representing the characteristics of the pipeline or LNG facility.
- Usually stored within a database management system (DBMS).

# Attribute Data

## ■ Rules for Data Input

- ◆ Use only UPPERCASE when defining field names.
- ◆ Use only UPPERCASE when inputting data into the attribute tables.
- ◆ Omit all punctuation other than (.), ( ), (\), (:), (,), and (-).
- ◆ Use (;) ASCII- delimited files.
- ◆ Be consistent with abbreviations.
- ◆ Use the correct OPS\_ID.

# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

## ■ OPER\_LINK

- ◆ Link between the geospatial elements (lines or points) and their respective attribute records. Assigned by the operator's software package (e.g., COVER-ID, MSLINK\_ID)
- ◆ Necessary to ensure that that repositories can re-establish the link between the geospatial and attribute data.
- ◆ Particularly important for ASCII submissions.

# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

## ■ OPS\_ID

- ◆ Accounting number assigned by the OPS for user fee payments to the company that physically operates the pipeline.
- ◆ The number is commonly known to the operator's accounting office.
- ◆ The number is also available by contacting Lisa Kokoszka at the OPS at 202-366-4554.

# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

- OPER\_NM

- ◆ The name of the company that physically operates the pipeline.

# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

- SYS\_NM

- ◆ Assigned by the operator.
- ◆ The operator's name for a grouping of pipelines.

# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

## ■ SUBSYS\_NM

- ◆ A unique name (within the operating company) for a smaller subsection of a pipeline system.
- ◆ A subset of SYS\_NM

# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

## ■ PLINE\_ID

- ◆ This is a unique identifier (within the operating company) for a specific pipeline segment within a system or group of pipelines.
- ◆ A subset of SYS\_NM and SUBSYS\_NM.



# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

## ■ DIAMETER

- ◆ The nominal diameter of the pipeline, in inches (two decimal places included ##.##).

# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

## ■ COMMODITY1

- ◆ Abbreviation for the primary or most common commodity carried by the pipeline.
- ◆ HG, CRD, LPG, NG, PRD, AA, CO2, NGL, HVL are valid responses.

# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

## ■ COMMODITY2

- ◆ Abbreviation for the secondary commodity carried by the pipeline.
- ◆ Should be filled in if the pipeline transports more than one commodity.
- ◆ HG, CRD, LPG, NG, PRD, AA, CO2, NGL, HVL are valid responses.

# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

## ■ COMMODITY3

- ◆ Abbreviation for the tertiary commodity carried by the pipeline.
- ◆ HG, CRD, LPG, NG, PRD, AA, CO2, NGL, HVL are valid responses.

# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

## ■ CMDTY\_DESC

- ◆ Descriptive information on the commodities carried.
- ◆ A listing of phased flow products or the names of the exact products transported may be listed.

# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

## ■ INTERSTATE

- ◆ (Y)es / (N)o designator to identify whether the pipeline is an interstate pipeline (refer to the OPS definition in the Glossary of the *Operator Standards*).

# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

## ■ STATUS\_CD

- ◆ Identifies the current status of the pipeline.
- ◆ I (in service), B (abandoned), and R (retired) are valid responses.

# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

## ■ QUALITY\_CD

- ◆ Operator's estimate of the positional accuracy of the submitted geospatial pipeline data.
- ◆ How good is the data?
- ◆ E (excellent: within 50 feet), V (very good: 50-300 feet), G (good: 301-500 feet), P (poor: 501-1000 feet), U (unknown) are valid responses.



# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

## ■ REVIS\_CD

- ◆ Identifies, to the repository, how to treat your submission.
- ◆ A (addition), M (modification), D (deletion) are valid responses.

# Pipeline Attribute Submissions

## ■ META\_NAME

- ◆ The name of the metadata file (created from the NPMS metadata template) associated with this data.
- ◆ Comply with DOS (8.3 format) naming conventions.

# LNG Attribute Submissions

## ■ Previously discussed attributes.

- ◆ OPER\_LINK
- ◆ OPS\_ID
- ◆ OPER\_NM
- ◆ STATUS\_CD
- ◆ QUALITY\_CD
- ◆ REVIS\_CD
- ◆ META\_NAME

# LNG Attribute Submissions

## ■ LNG\_NM

- ◆ Assigned by the operator.
- ◆ The operator's name for the LNG facility.

# LNG Attribute Submissions

## ■ LNG\_ID

- ◆ This is a unique identifier (within the operating company) for an LNG facility.

# Understanding Pipeline System and Segment Attributes

- Some NPMS attributes refer to the entire system while others might refer to only segments of the system.
- Important to “segment” your pipeline system when there is a change in NPMS attributes.

# Understanding Pipeline System and Segment Attributes con't.

■ Fields that are constant through the system:

- ◆ OPS\_ID
- ◆ OPER\_NM
- ◆ SYS\_NM
- ◆ COMMODITY1
- ◆ COMMODITY2
- ◆ COMMODITY3
- ◆ CMDTY\_DESC
- ◆ INTERSTATE
- ◆ META\_NAME

# Understanding Pipeline System and Segment Attributes con't.

- Field names that may change:
  - ◆ OPER\_LINK (must be unique for each segment)
  - ◆ SUB\_SYS\_NM
  - ◆ PLINE\_ID
  - ◆ DIAMETER
  - ◆ STATUS\_CD
  - ◆ REVIS\_CD



# Building the Attribute Data File

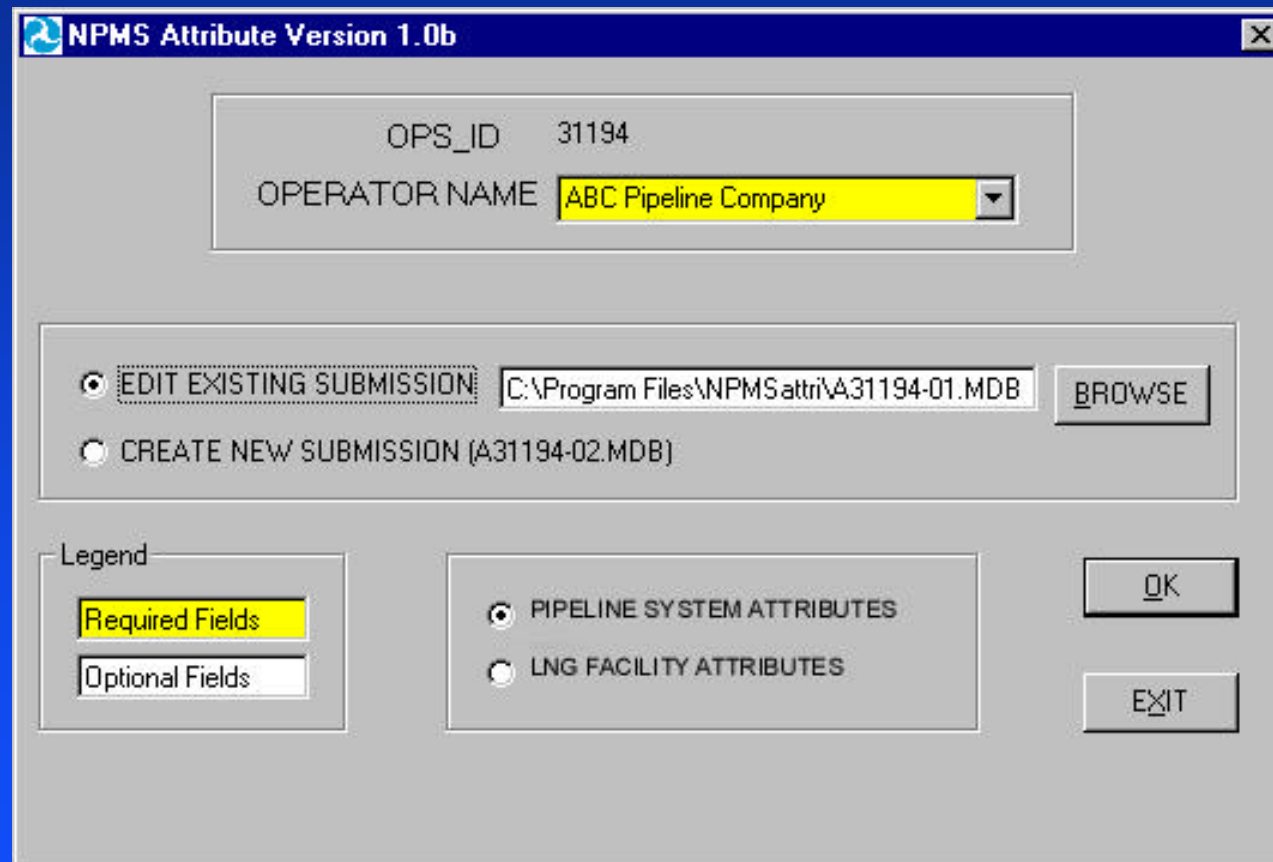
## ■ Attribute Submission Options

- ◆ Contained as part of an exported data file directly from a GIS.
- ◆ Stored as a .DBF file sent separately from the geospatial file.
- ◆ Microsoft Access (.MDB) file generated by the *NPMS Attribute Data Template*.
- ◆ ASCII semicolon-delimited text file.
- ◆ Hand written on submitted hard copy maps.

# Using the *NPMS Attribute Data Template*

- Reasons for using the template:
  - ◆ FREE
  - ◆ Easy to install
  - ◆ Ensures that the NPMS repositories will be able to read your data.
  - ◆ Creates a file that can be edited.
  - ◆ Fully supported by the repositories if you run into trouble.
  - ◆ Detailed instructions included in the Standards.

# Start-up Screen



The image shows a software window titled "NPMS Attribute Version 1.0b". It contains several input fields and buttons. At the top, there are labels "OPS\_ID" with the value "31194" and "OPERATOR NAME" with a dropdown menu showing "ABC Pipeline Company". Below this, there are two radio buttons: "EDIT EXISTING SUBMISSION" (selected) and "CREATE NEW SUBMISSION (A31194-02.MDB)". The "EDIT EXISTING SUBMISSION" option has a text field containing "C:\Program Files\NPMSattri\A31194-01.MDB" and a "BROWSE" button. At the bottom left, there is a "Legend" section with two buttons: "Required Fields" (highlighted in yellow) and "Optional Fields". At the bottom right, there are two radio buttons: "PIPELINE SYSTEM ATTRIBUTES" (selected) and "LNG FACILITY ATTRIBUTES". Finally, there are "OK" and "EXIT" buttons on the far right.

NPMS Attribute Version 1.0b

OPS\_ID 31194

OPERATOR NAME ABC Pipeline Company

☒ EDIT EXISTING SUBMISSION C:\Program Files\NPMSattri\A31194-01.MDB BROWSE

☐ CREATE NEW SUBMISSION (A31194-02.MDB)

Legend

Required Fields

Optional Fields

☒ PIPELINE SYSTEM ATTRIBUTES

☐ LNG FACILITY ATTRIBUTES

OK

EXIT

# Data Entry Screen - Pipelines

**Pipeline Attribute Data Entry Screen**

**PIPELINE SYSTEM ATTRIBUTES (#1 of 5)**

**OPERATOR**  
OPS\_ID: 31194  
OPERATOR NAME: ABC Pipeline Company

**OTHER ATTRIBUTE**  
☒ INTERSTATE ☐ INTRASTATE  
SYSTEM NAME: AR LINE  
METADATA FILENAME: M31194-01.MDB

**COMMODITY**  
TYPE 1: LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS  
TYPE 2:  
TYPE 3:  
DESCRIPTION:

**PIPELINE SEGMENT ATTRIBUTES**

	OPER_LINK	PIPELINE ID	SUBSYSTEM NAME	DIAM.	STATUS	DATA QUALITY	REVISION
▶	345678	4321	AR LINE WEST BRANCH	8	IN SERVICE	GOOD: 301-500 FEET	ADDITION
*							

**Legend**  
☒ Required Fields ☐ Optional Fields

# Data Entry Screen - LNG Facility

**LNG Facility Attribute Data Entry Screen**

**LNG FACILITY ATTRIBUTES (#1 of 2)**

<b>OPERATOR</b> OPS_ID 31194 OPERATOR NAME 1	<b>CODES</b> STATUS <b>IN SERVICE</b> QUALITY <b>VERY GOOD: 50-300 FEET</b> REVISION <b>ADDITION</b>
<b>IDENTIFICATION</b> OPERATOR LINK <b>3125</b> LNG ID <b>TEXARKANA LNG PLANT</b> LNG NAME <b>TEXARKANA LINE LNG PLANT</b>	<b>OTHER ATTRIBUTE</b> METADATA FILENAME <b>M31194-01.MDB</b> <b>Browse</b>

**Legend**  
**Required Fields**  
Optional Fields

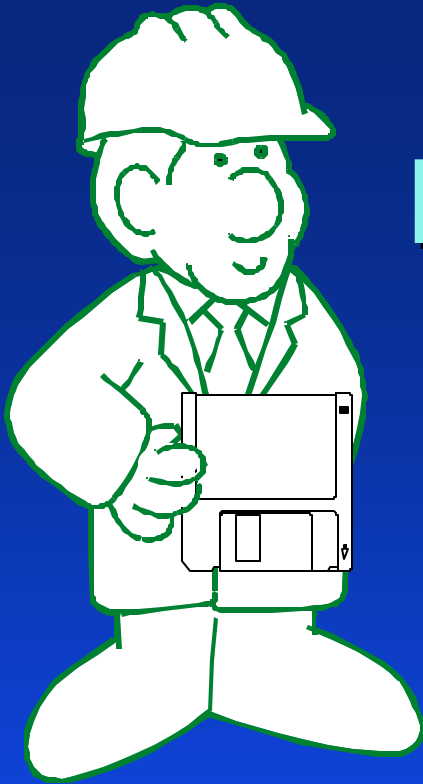
**PREVIOUS** **NEXT** **ADD** **DELETE** **CANCEL** **SAVE and EXIT**



# SECTION 4: GEOSPATIAL DATA

# Geospatial Data

- Consists of pipeline data that has been geographically referenced to known points on the surface of the Earth.
  - ◆ Latitude & longitude coordinate values representing the actual pipeline and pipeline ROW location. (linear features)
  - ◆ Latitude & longitude coordinate values representing the location of the LNG facility. (point features)



# PART A: DIGITAL GEOSPATIAL SUBMISSIONS





# Creating Digital Pipeline Data

- Digital data is preferred over paper maps.
- Several sources useful in creating digital pipeline data:
  - ◆ USGS DLG and DRG files (heads-up digitizing).
  - ◆ Operator alignment sheets.
  - ◆ USGS paper quads.

# Digital Data Submission

- Considerations when submitting digital geospatial data:
  - ◆ Data may be unprojected or in a common projection scheme (UTM, State Plane).
  - ◆ Clearly state datum, coordinate system/projection, and measurement units.
  - ◆ 500' accuracy goal.
  - ◆ Determine the best format for submitting data.

# Digital Data Submission

- Accepted digital media:
  - ◆ CD-ROMs
  - ◆ Diskettes
  - ◆ Zip Disks
  - ◆ Internet Transmission (check with the specific repository for details)

# Digital Data Submission Formats

## ■ ESRI ARC/INFO Export

- ◆ Submit an .E00 file (geospatial and attribute data.)

## ■ ESRI ArcView

- ◆ Submit a .SHP file (geospatial data), the .SHX (index file), and the .DBF file (attribute data).

# Digital Data Submission Formats

- Intergraph FRAMME - Two Options
  - ◆ Microsoft Access Format
  - ◆ FRAMME Loader SEF Format
  - ◆ Each format contains both the geospatial and attribute data.

# Digital Data Submission Formats

- Intergraph/Bentley Microstation and non-FRAMME
  - ◆ Submit a .DGN file (geospatial data) and then use the *NPMS Attribute Data Template* for the attribute data.
- MapInfo (version 3 or higher)
  - ◆ Submit the .MIF, .MID, and projection (ASCII format) files for each table.
  - ◆ The projection must be noted.

# Digital Data Submission Formats

- AutoCAD -- must be geographically referenced before it is acceptable to the NPMS. In addition, must conform to the datum, projection, scale, and control requirements in the Standards.
  - ◆ Save the drawing as a Version 12 .DWG file (geospatial data) in model space.
  - ◆ Use the *NPMS Attribute Data Template* to create the attribute data.

# Digital Data Submission Formats

## ■ Smallworld

- ◆ Use Feature Manipulation Engine (FME) or Safe Software Inc. to create an Arc/Info exchange (.E00) file (geospatial and attribute data).



# Digital Data Submission Formats

## ■ Generic Digital Data -- Pipelines

- ◆ ASCII format file.
- ◆ The file represents the geospatial data.
- ◆ Each line segment is made up of at least two coordinate pairs...beginning and ending points.
- ◆ Additional coordinate pairs represent shape points along the line segment.
- ◆ Use the *NPMS Attribute Data Template* to create the attribute data.

# Digital Data Submission Formats

## ■ Generic Digital Data -- Pipelines

- ◆ A unique OPER\_LINK identifies each line segment.
- ◆ An END identifies the end of a line segment.
- ◆ An additional END identifies the end of the file.

# Pipeline ASCII Submission

[illegible]

# Digital Data Submission Formats

- Generic Digital Data -- LNG Facilities
  - ◆ ASCII format file.
  - ◆ The file represents the geospatial data.
  - ◆ Use the *NPMS Attribute Data Template* to create the attribute data.
  - ◆ Each point is made up of a coordinate pair.
  - ◆ A unique OPER\_LINK identifies each point.
  - ◆ An END identifies the end of the file.

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# PART B: PAPER GEOSPATIAL SUBMISSIONS

# Pipeline Drafting Requirements

## ■ Two options:

### ◆ Individual Pipelines

### ◆ Pipeline Corridors (right-of-way)

- ◆ Delineate the pipeline with a thin solid line in indelible ink. If multiple pipelines on the same map, use different color markers to distinguish the pipelines. Identify pipeline intersections and segments with a dot.
- ◆ For pipeline a corridor, identify on the map the number of pipelines that are within the corridor.

# Drafting LNG Facilities on Paper Base Maps

- Draft a small square or circle in indelible ink on the map.
- The location should represent the approximate center of the facility.



# Annotate Attribute Data on Paper Base Maps

- Preferred that operators use the *NPMS Attribute Data Template* in providing facility data.
- Operators also have the option of annotating the pipeline and LNG facility attributes directly on the submitted maps.
- Each required attribute field defined in the standards must be depicted on the map.
- Remember the field definition types and length restrictions.

# Hardcopy Representation

- The operator should submit pipeline & LNG facility location information on USGS 7.5' Quadrangle Maps (1:24,000).
- Where 1:24,000 Quads don't exist, use the largest scale USGS maps available.

# Hardcopy Representation

- Pipeline inventory and alignment sheets
  - ◆ Require a minimum of four geo-referenced control points.
  - ◆ Must also include the projection parameters, datum, and graphic scale.
  - ◆ Scale should be between 1:24,000 (1" = 2,000') and 1:2,000 (1" = 100').
  - ◆ Map sheets may not be larger than 36" x 48".

# Hardcopy Representation

## ■ Third-party base maps

- ◆ Require a minimum of four geo-referenced control points.
- ◆ Must also include the projection parameters, datum, and graphic scale.
- ◆ Scale should be between 1:24,000 (1" = 2,000') and 1:2,000 (1" = 100').
- ◆ Map sheets may not be larger than 36" x 48".

# Hardcopy Representation

- Copyright laws.
- Label each pipeline system.
- Label and mark each pipeline segment.
- Label and mark each pipeline intersection and corridor.
- Build a legend in the margin of each map sheet.

# Hardcopy Representation

- Review for accuracy at map sheet edges.
- Sequential page number.
- Don't use a photocopier to change base map size or scale.
- Don't submit maps larger than 36" x 48".
- Don't fold maps -- please submit rolled in a tube.

# Hardcopy Representation

- Before submitting pipeline inventory, alignment sheets, or third-part base maps, check with the NPMS national repository to ensure your maps are acceptable.
- Submitted Quad maps should include the entire sheet and not be "cut down."

# Submitting Paper Maps

- Preference for USGS 7.5 minute quads
- Pipelines and LNG facilities should be drafted to be within the 500' accuracy standard.
- Draft the pipeline using a thin solid line in indelible ink. Identify pipeline intersections or pipeline segments with a dot.
- Draft the LNG facility with a small square identifying the facilities approximate center.



# Submitting Paper Maps

- The repositories will convert quads on NAD27 to NAD83.
- Clearly label each pipeline with its' SYS\_NM.
- If the system is divided into sub systems, clearly mark each SUBSYS\_NM on the map.
- Label each pipeline segment with its' PLINE\_ID.

# Submitting Paper Maps

- In the margin of each quad, build a legend:
  - ◆ operator name.
  - ◆ names of the various pipelines on the quad.
  - ◆ color used to distinguish each pipeline.
- Consecutively number each quad (for a given submission) using the page/page format. EXAMPLE: "1/34" or "1 of 34")

# Submitting Paper Maps

- Provide the attribute data using the *NPMS Attribute Template* or annotate directly on each map.
- Provide metadata.

# Conclusion of Attribute and Geospatial Data



Metadata  
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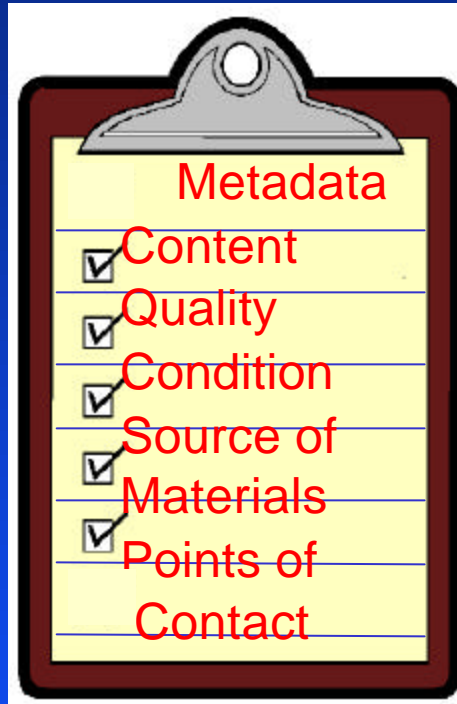
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## SECTION 5: METADATA

# Metadata

- Submission of metadata with the *NPMS Metadata Template* is a requirement.
- Metadata: "data about data."
- Describes the content, quality, condition, & other characteristics of the data.
- Developed by the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC).
- Requirement for federal agencies.

# Why Metadata Matters

- Spatial accuracy
- Attribute Accuracy
- Logical Consistency
- Completeness
- Lineage



# Metadata

- The NPMS is collecting only the minimal metadata needed.

# *NPMS Metadata Template*

- An *NPMS Metadata Template* has been developed to allow operators to provide digital metadata.
  - ◆ FREE
  - ◆ Easy to install
  - ◆ Ensures that the NPMS repositories will be able to read your metadata.
  - ◆ Creates a file that can be edited.
  - ◆ Fully supported by the National Repository if you run into trouble.
  - ◆ Detailed instructions included in the Standards.

# Metadata

- Operator contact information replaced with repository contact information upon receipt by the repository.
- Single metadata file required when the metadata are the same for an entire data submission.
- Multiple metadata files are required when there is a change in any of the metadata.

# Metadata

- Additional information on metadata is available at the FGDC WEB site.

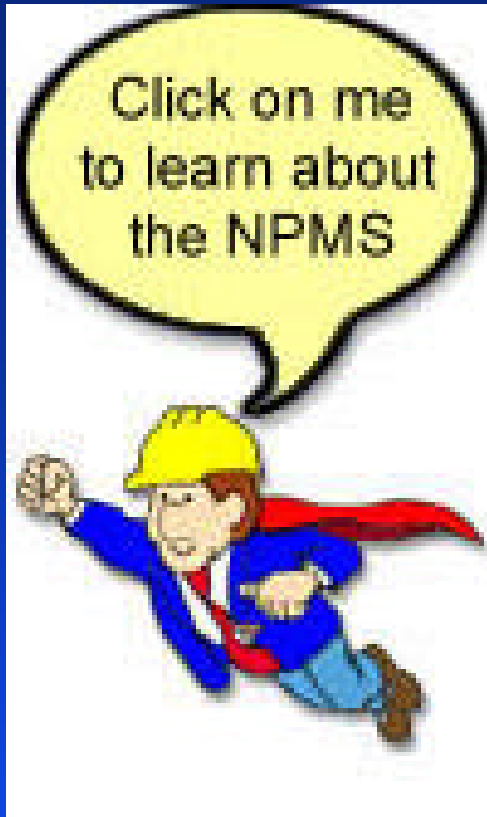
[www.fgdc.gov](http://www.fgdc.gov)



## SECTION 6: SUBMITTING THE DATA

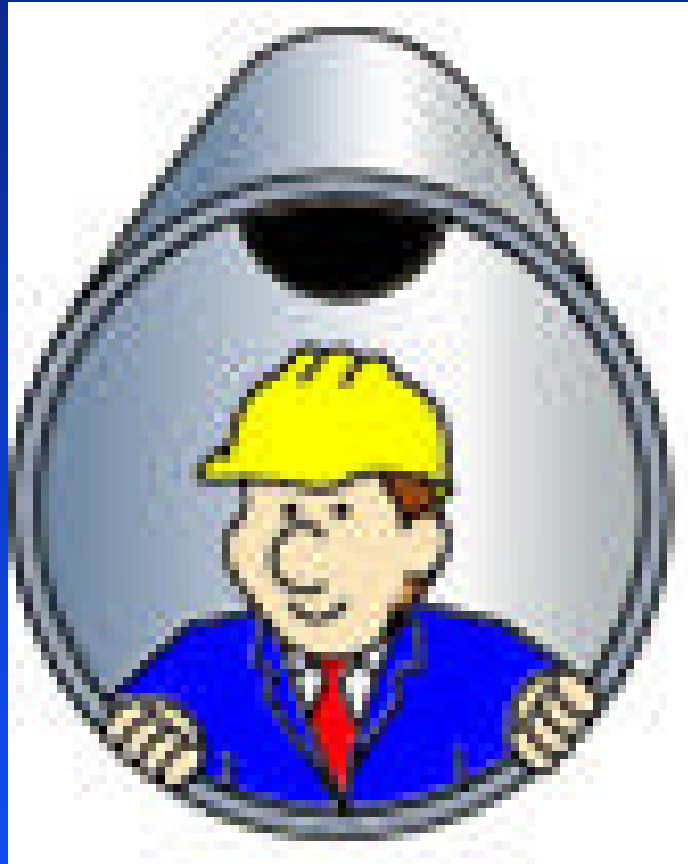
# Operator Submission Checklist

- Attribute Data Submissions
- Hard-Copy Geospatial Data Submissions
- Digital Geospatial Data Submissions
- Metadata Submissions
- Packaging and Sending Data



## SECTION 7: NPMS Web Site

[www.npms.rspa.dot.gov](http://www.npms.rspa.dot.gov)



## SECTION 8: Repository Operations



# Operations Overview for Operators

- If a state has a mandate for pipeline operators, OPS will work with those states in an attempt to mesh requirements.
- GOAL: To alleviate operators making multiple submissions.
- The operator is only responsible for working with the NPMS in resolving potential data problems.

# Operations Overview for Operators

- What happens to the operator data after the submission:
  - ◆ Data is reviewed for completeness and accuracy.
  - ◆ The operator is contacted if there are any discrepancies in the submission.
  - ◆ Digital and paper data are converted into the format requirements of the repository.

# Operations Overview for Operators

- What happens to the operator data after the submission:
  - ◆ After re-formatting, the data will proceed through a series of quality control procedures.
  - ◆ A random sampling of submitted data will result in check plots being returned to the operator for quality control.
  - ◆ The repository will incorporate any operator changes into the data.

# Operations Overview for Operators

- What happens to the operator data after the submission:
  - ◆ Operator data at the state repositories will flow to the National Repository and vice versa.
  - ◆ The digital operator data will be provided back to the operators who submitted hard copy maps and request the data.
  - ◆ The repositories will continue working with the operators to ensure that the operator data is kept current and that any new systems or facilities are incorporated into the NPMS.

# TIME TO CELEBRATE!!!!

